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From: Martin Winandy [winandym@cybertrails.com]
Sent: Monday, December 10, 2007 7:16 AM
To: Utilities Div - Mailbox; Pierce-Web; Hatch-WebEmail; Gleason-WebEmail; Mundell-Web; Mayes-WebEmail
Subject: W-03512A-07-0301

Dear Chairman and Commissioners:

I have written to you previously explaining why I believe it is important to drill the K-2 Well. I continue to believe that it is important for the community to develop its own independent water supply and that the K-2 Well is a step in the right direction.

I am now writing to you to request that a decision on the K-2 Well be made as soon as possible whatever the decision may be. The delay in making a decision on the K-2 Well has already made it highly probable that it would not be operational by next summer and, as a result of the delay, people in Pine will again be faced with hauling charges. Further delay is not in the best interests of the community as residents need to have a definite answer the K-2 Well before a March recall election involving the Pine Strawberry Water Improvement District.

Frankly, in my opinion, the delay is being used by a group to further their agenda of purchasing the water companies. While this water company purchase may seem like a good idea to you there are many in the community that fear a water company purchase because it would remove the protection that is offered by the Arizona Corporation Commission. I have talked to Bob Gould, Gila County Planning and Zoning, and was told that Gila County has no desire to adopt S.B. 1575. Therefore, approval of development would be made according to the present Gila County guidelines. I view these guidelines as completely inadequate as they do not require well water pump tests that take into account the seasonal nature of the wells in the Pine/Strawberry area. They also allow developers to declare their development seasonal and therefore only require 135 gallons of water per day per lot.

Please make a decision on the K-2 Well as soon as reasonably possible. A decision would remove the Arizona Corporation Commission from the local political wrangling and stop legal fees that by now have probably reached astronomical proportions.

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From: Schwalm Sam-P15551 [Sam.Schwalm@motorola.com]
Sent: Friday, December 07, 2007 4:10 PM
To: Mayes-WebEmail
Subject: Pine Public Comment Meeting

Dear Ms Mayes,

I was a little disappointed in the meeting that you held in Pine.

Much of what is happening in Pine is driven by a hatred of Brookes Utilities and Mr Hardcastle. Some of that may be deserved, but a lot of the anger directed at Brookes is based upon things Brookes has done at the direction of the ACC or in line with the general limitations that the ACC imposes on its regulated utilities. In particular the anger of late is driven by the water hauling charges.

As many of the comments made at the meeting in relation to water hauling charges showed, large parts of the community do not understand the role that the ACC has had in defining and monitoring water hauling charges. Brookes and also the PSWID get a lot of heat over issues that the ACC has control of.

I think that you missed an opportunity to educate people in Pine about what the ACC's role is in these issues and to help cool the anger in this town so that the water issue can be addressed in a way that doesn't divide the community.

I would ask that you schedule another meeting to explain what the ACC's role is in shaping the fundamental aspects of how Brookes is allowed charge for water, both pumped and hauled, and the limitations that the ACC places on the recovery of costs by Brookes for replacing infrastructure that is not damaged and drilling of wells that don't produce sufficient water.

At this point, those that are emotionally invested aren't going to listen to, or believe, any information that doesn't reflect negatively on Brookes. They might listen to you since you are seen as sympathetic to our water concerns.

Sam Schwalm

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Sheila Stoeller

From: Dina Galassini [dinarose@cox.net]
Sent: Friday, December 07, 2007 12:03 PM
To: Mundell-Web; Mayes-WebEmail; Hatch-WebEmail; Pierce-Web
Subject: Excess use of water

Dear Commissioners,

Thank you again for coming to Pine to hear our concerns over the K2 well.

I am wondering if you can investigate who used 25,000 gallons of water in Strawberry right around Memorial Weekend when we had a water outage?

This is unacceptable to me and I hope it is to you, too.

Thank you,
Dina Galassini

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Sheila Stoeller

From: stewartvoice [stewartvoice@npgcable.com]
Sent: Saturday, December 08, 2007 7:19 PM
To: Mayes-WebEmail
Subject: strawberry res. Gloria Rich

Dear Kristen Mayes,

It was good to see you and talk to you Tuesday at the meeting.
Thank you so much for listening to all of us speak about our concerns on the water situation in Strawberry and Pine.

I do trust you, but I'm not so sure about Gary I believe that is what his name was. The man that was sitting next to you at the meeting Dec. 4 in Pine. I think he trust the experts and believes everything they say a little to much. I'm a little skeptical.

You asked me to let you know about the water Co. in Mayer AZ It is owned, I believe by the town of Mayer and they have a board. Then Yavapai County has something to do with it too, I believe.

The test well that they drilled on the outskirts of Mayer cost \$25,000. They too, had special hydrologist reports that said they would hit water at 1000 ft and that they would get 300 gals per/min and promised the neighbors that it would not effect their water table because it would be at the X or R aquifer.

They drilled down approximately 250ft and hit water receiving 30 gal/per/min. They proceeded to drill to 1000ft getting nothing. They are now going to go ahead and use the test well and take the water from that at the 250 ft level which will effect the near by wells.

I also wanted to let you know that I have heard about Saint George UT. They are experiencing water shortages too and that they wanted to pipe water from a near bye town called Pine Valley. Well, Pine Valley fought it and won. Now, apparently they are going to try and pipe water from Lake Powl all the way to Saint George.

The reason I bought my house in Strawberry was because, I knew they didn't

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have the problems that Pine did with water. Now, I'm wondering if I have losses, because of this K2 well depleting our water system here in Strawberry, who would be accountable for my losses on my property? Brooks?

I sure would feel a lot better, even if the experts say the water is in the same aquifer in Pine and Strawberry, if the water was drilled in Pine for Pine. And, If they could put a third of that tax money the \$300,000 away for Strawberry because I believe we are going to need more water soon. I've heard that we have contributed about a third of the tax money.

There are about 30 lots for sale up on the North hill side of Strawberry that will be needing water eventually, and an old farmer recently died in Strawberry that owned about a hundred acres located in the meadow that will be split up soon and sold. They will need water too.

I hope you people can figure this out. I don't want Pugal selling water to Payson either and taking it away from here.

I moved here away from the city so that I could grow a garden and have a nice yard, maybe I made a mistake. Maybe it's just a place for builders and people with second homes used for vacation.

Sincerely yours,

Gloria Rich